

General Counsel

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Review Officer, DS&T

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FROM:

Chief, [redacted]
Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services, DA

SUBJECT: Classification Review of Compromised FBIS Documents

1. The FBI has recovered several CIA documents from the residence of Larry Chin, a former FBIS employee accused of espionage on behalf of the PRC. The Department of Justice has requested us to authenticate the documents, determine if they are or were properly classified, provide the reason for classification, and determine their distribution and who had access to them. CRD has conducted a preliminary review, and we are forwarding them to you for your review and for any additional comments. We are enclosing the following FBIS documents:

a. Five partial performance evaluations of local hire employees of the [redacted] FBIS bureau. These are unclassified documents. They would be withheld under the (b) (3) exemption of the FOIA since the CIA Act of 1949 requires the DCI to protect the names of Agency components and employees. However, we do not believe that the documents are classifiable.

b. FBIS travel order for Chin [redacted] Confidential. The Seoul [redacted] and all names appear to be those of FBIS overt employees. This cable does not appear to warrant its confidential classification except for the fact that TDY travel of FBIS employees is classified per se.

c. Cable [redacted] concerning FBIS travel for Chin, Confidential. No reason for classification is cited, and the subject matter is not classified except that it pertains to TDY travel.

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d. Itinerary for [redacted] Secret. [redacted]

[redacted] The cable appears properly classified.

e. Itinerary for [redacted] Secret. [redacted]

[redacted] The documents appear to be properly classified.

f. Two cables concerning progress reporting on FBIS [redacted] monitors, Confidential. Since only FBI installations and personnel appear, these cables contain no classified material.

g. Notes on Chinese military terminology, Official Use Only. [redacted] Possibly done by Chin himself. It does not appear to be classifiable. [redacted]

2. Additional FBIS documents to which Chin had access in the course of his employment will be forwarded for your review. Justice has requested that CIA classification review be done on a priority basis. [redacted]

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